

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:) Group Art Unit: 3773
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 WILLIAMSON IV, Warren P., et al.)
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 Serial No.: 10/786,657) Examiner: Julian W. Woo
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 Filed: February 25, 2004)
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 For: EXTREMELY LONG WIRE FASTENERS)
 FOR USE IN MINIMALLY INVASIVE)
 SURGERY AND MEANS AND)
 METHODS FOR HANDLING THOSE)
 FASTENERS)

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 28, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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